



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6663

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLAINTS ALLEGING MISCONDUCT BY
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PERSONNEL.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) Not later than July 1,
2 2014, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall develop
3 and implement a written policy concerning the acceptance, processing
4 and investigation of a complaint from a member of the public relating
5 to alleged misconduct committed by law enforcement agency
6 personnel.

7 (b) In developing such policy, the council shall consider: (1)
8 Whether all sworn officers and civilian employees of a law
9 enforcement agency shall be required to accept complaints alleging
10 misconduct by the agency's law enforcement personnel, (2) the means
11 or processes to be used for accepting complaints from members of the
12 public, including the acceptance of complaints that are anonymously
13 made or made by a complainant on behalf of another person, (3) the
14 necessity of requiring a sworn statement from a complainant, (4)
15 protections that may be afforded to a complainant who fears
16 retaliation associated with the filing of a complaint, (5) the use of a
17 standardized form to record any complaint of alleged misconduct, (6)
18 permissible time frames associated with the filing of a complaint, (7)
19 protocols for the investigation of complaints, (8) documentation

20 requirements relating to the receipt of any complaint and its
21 disposition, and (9) the process for informing a known complainant of
22 the disposition of the complaint.

23 (c) Upon the implementation of such policy, each law enforcement
24 agency shall make its policy available to the public and shall ensure
25 that (1) copies of the policy are available at the town hall or another
26 municipal building located within the municipality served by the law
27 enforcement agency, other than a municipal building in which the law
28 enforcement agency is located, and (2) the policy is available on the
29 law enforcement agency's Internet web site or the Internet web site of a
30 municipality served by the law enforcement agency.

31 (d) For purposes of this section, "law enforcement agency" means
32 the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency
33 Services and Public Protection or any municipal police department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

APP *Joint Favorable*